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Invention: METHODS OF PRODUCING AND POLISHING SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND
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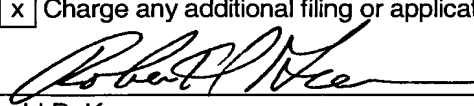
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116)

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated March 16, 2004 (Paper No. 030704), finally rejecting claims 1-7, 9-42, and 45-52, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.